

**JOINT BOARD MEETING
EXAMINING BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS,
December 12, 2003**

PRESENT: Crystal Berg, Jennifer Borup, Peter Fabian, LaMarr Franklin, Lynn Gauger; Colleen James, Douglas Knight, George Kamps, Susan Kell, Susan Putra, and Linda Schwallie

EXCUSED: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Bureau Director; John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel; and Gina York, Program Assistant

GUESTS: Marc Herstand, NASW; Robert Daugherty, WAMFT

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Borup called the meeting to order at 1:34p.m. A quorum of 11 was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the Agenda:

- Under Other Business: Add Dual Certified Persons

MOTION: George Kamps moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

Amendments to the Minutes:

- Page 3, Under Activating Subcommittee Regarding Psychometric Testing: Change “McMoutrey” to “McMurtry” and “Kell” to “Putra”

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Susan Putra, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Kimberly Nania, Director of Bureau of Health Professions, provided a list of the 2004 meeting and screening dates. Dr. Nania shared that many Boards have had their meetings reduced due to budget constraints.

Dr. Nania informed the Section the Legislative Audit Bureau is conducting an audit and the

Department is doing a time study for staff to record their time on specific tasks for each board. This data will be used to evaluate the amount of time being spent on each profession and examining board. This information will be useful for the fee study and evaluating Department resources. Other activities being conducted throughout the Department such as the Website improvements and the remodeling of the building have begun and will be ongoing over the next several months.

The numbers of licensed/certified individuals in Wisconsin by profession are:

- ◆ Professional Counselors – 2, 398
- ◆ Marriage and Family Therapists – 537
- ◆ Social Workers – 11, 849

Donsia Strong Hill, DRL Secretary, will try to come in during today's meeting to discuss the AODA Task Force issues.

SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND PRESS RELEASES

John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel reviewed the Administrative Rules report with the Board.

SCOPE STATEMENT: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING CHEATING ON CREDENTIALING EXAMINATIONS

Informational only.

DISCUSS NEED OF A RULES COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the need for a rules committee and took the following action.

MOTION: Susan Kell moved, seconded by Colleen James, that the MFTPCSW Joint Board rule committee will be a standing committee that shall be convened by the direction of the full Joint Board or the Chair of the Joint Board. Motion carried unanimously.

PSYCHOLOGY LAW V.S. PSYCHOTHERAPY LAW

The Board discussed this issue and felt that it was a topic to be handled by the Psychology Examining Board and should be their decision on how best to resolve the conflicting language between the two laws. John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel, will share this information with the Psychology Board at a future meeting.

AODA TASK FORCE PROPOSAL

The Board had a very lengthy discussion surrounding what has occurred at the AODA Taskforce meetings and they shared their concerns with Donsia Strong Hill, DRL Secretary. Representative Underheim requested that Secretary Helene Nelson, Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) and Secretary Strong Hill to come up with a consensus on implementing this law. Initially it was thought that 90 days would be sufficient to reach a resolution, but this has not been accomplished. Secretary Strong Hill informed the Board there will be one more taskforce meeting in January 2004 to come to some type of compromise and solution to this issue. If a solution is not reached this matter may be referred to the Attorney General's Office for an opinion, which would then be implemented by the Department. Jennifer Borup will be doing an AODA educational comparison and will provide this information for the January 2004 meeting of the task force. Peter Fabian will telephone the new executive director of WCB on the AODA issue for input. The membership of the task force will remain the same. After the January task force meeting John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel, and Kimberly Nania, Director, Bureau of Health Services will consult with Secretary Strong Hill on the outcome of this meeting and what actions will be taken.

The Joint Board will be meeting on January 13, 2004 to review any new information and look at possible solutions, which can be presented at the AODA Task Force meeting.

REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee met and discussed proposed rules for all Sections. The list of rules are as follows:

- Draft Language for Record Keeping Rule
- PC Rule Regarding Requirements to Practice Psychotherapy
- Proposed Rule Regarding Foreign Degrees

All information regarding the above rules are in your Board packets today.

The Committee also addressed a question regarding CE credits from Marc Herstand, NASW this will be discussed later during today's Board meeting.

The Board discussed the Committee's recommendations regarding the rules from today's meeting and John Schweitzer will make the changes as indicated by the Board. Mr. Schweitzer will have another hearing on the proposed rule regarding foreign degrees at the January 13, 2004 MFTPCSW Joint Board meeting.

REPORT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS SECTION

Linda Schwallie reported that the Marriage and Family Therapist Section met the morning of December 12, 2003 and discussed the issue clarification regarding five years of experience for supervisors. The Section clarified the definition of the criteria that the five years is post licensure rather than five years post masters. The Section also discussed Psychometric testing and the AODA Task Force issues.

REPORT OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS SECTION

Susan Putra reported that the Professional Counselor Section will meet on December 17, 2003 and asked that the MFTPCSW Joint Board discuss a letter they received from Steve Gloe in the Department regarding a tour of one of the Department of Corrections(DOC) facilities and what the expectations were from the Sections and Boards.

REPORT OF SOCIAL WORKERS SECTION

George Kamps reported that the Social Worker Section will be having the clinical field placement checklist posted on the DRL Website. This form was distributed to schools to be used to ensure students receive the needed clinical experience. Mr. Kamps informed the Board that one of their board members, Douglas Knight, will be resigning at the end of today's Board meeting and his replacement will be Ada Williams Parr. The Board and Section shared their gratitude with Mr. Knight for his years of dedication and contributions to the social work profession.

REVIEW OF INQUIRES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Noted.

2004 MEETING DATES

The Board reviewed the 2004 meeting dates and took the following action.

MOTION: Susan Kell moved, seconded by Crystal Berg, to approve the MFTPCSW Joint Board meeting dates for 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Noted.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Noted.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

REGULATORY DIGEST

The Board discussed the status of the DRL Regulatory Digest. Since the digest is not being published at this time they would like to submit articles to the associations' newsletters to ensure valuable information is being provided to the professions, credential holders and the public.

DUAL CERTIFICATON

A question regarding CE credits from Marc Herstand, NASW related to someone who is dually licensed and if they would need to take two different boundary and ethics courses. The Committee provided the following answer: No if they meet the standards for each Section and the courses are approved by the appropriate Section. John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel, will communicate this to Mr. Herstand.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: LaMarr Franklin moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.